

November 30, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk and Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

**Re: South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (House Bill 3659) Proceeding to Address S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-460(A)(1) and S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-460(A)(2) (Promulgation and Periodic Review of Standards for Interconnection and Parallel Operation of Generating Facilities to an Electrical Utility's Distribution and Transmission System)
Docket No. 2019-326-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

I am submitting this letter on behalf of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC"); Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP," and together with DEC, the "Duke Utilities"); Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. ("DESC"); the South Carolina Solar Business Alliance, Inc. ("SBA"); and Southern Current, LLC ("Southern Current"). The Duke Utilities, DESC, SBA, and Southern Current are referred to collectively as the "Interested Parties." Pursuant to Order No. 2020-660, issued in the above-referenced docket on October 1, 2020, the Interested Parties are herein updating the Commission on their plans regarding the "second phase" of work in reviewing the South Carolina Generator Interconnection Procedures ("SCGIP") as required by Act 62.

Order No. 2020-660 set forth a two-phase approach for the review and revision of the SCGIP. On November 17, 2020, the Duke Utilities initiated Commission review of the first phase of revisions, by filing, in this docket, their Application proposing revisions to the SCGIP authorizing electric utilities to utilize Cluster Study interconnection processes, and establishing a Cluster Study interconnection process applicable to the Duke Utilities (the "Queue Reform Proposal"). The Queue Reform Proposal is currently pending before the Commission, although no schedule has been established for comments.

To begin the second phase of work, the Interested Parties are scheduling a meeting to initiate stakeholder collaboration to review the provisions of the SCGIP not impacted by the Queue Reform Proposal. The Interested Parties anticipate comprehensive stakeholder engagement to begin in the first quarter of 2021, and are optimistic that the stakeholder process will yield a consensus set of revisions by the end of Q3 2021. The Interested Parties look forward to working together with other stakeholders to achieve consensus on as many topics as possible, allowing

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them to bring proposed revisions to the Commission with minimal controverted issues remaining, if any.

Sincerely,



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C: Parties of Record (via email)